



AMES by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, defender of the faith, &c. Know ye that we of our speciall Grace, certaine knowledge and meere motion, &c. Haue giuen Licence, liberty, power and authoritie, and by these presents for vs, our heires and successours do giue Licence, liberty, power and authoritie vnto our welbeloued seruant sir Edward Hobbie knight, his Executors, Administrators, Assignes, Factors and deputies, and to euery of them, that he and they and euery of any of them, by themselves may prouide and buy, or cause to be prouided and bought yerely during the space of fiftene yeeres next ensuing the date hereof, in any place or places within the Counties of Warwicke, Stafford, Salop, Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham, Darby, Lincoln, Rutland, Cambridge, Huntington, Lancaster, Hertford, Buckingham, Bedford, Hereford or Donmouth, or any of them, or in any of the Counties within Northwales or Southwales, at one time or seuerall times at his and their pleasure and libertie, so much wooll as in the whole in any one yeere shall not exceed the number and quantity of fife hundred Seplars of English or Welsh woolls: So as the same bee prouided and bought, and euery part

thereof be bestowed and kept in any Countie or Counties, where Clothes, Bayes or Berlies are vsually bled to be made, or in the City of Norwich, &c. And that the same and euery part thereof be by them sold in any of the said Counties, place or City of Norwich, which shall and may there be done vnto any our Subjects or other person or persons whatsoever, to the most profit and aduantage of the said sir Edward Hobby, his Executors, Administrators or Assignes, without incurring any danger, forfeiture or penaltie, one Act made in the fifth yere of the late King Edward the sixth, late King of England, or any other Act, Statute, Acts or Statutes, Lawes, Custome, Proclamation, Ordinance, restraint or Commandement heretofore made by vs, or any our Progenitors, or hereafter by vs our heires or successours to be made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. To haue and to hold, exercise and enioy the said Licence, liberty, power and authoritie aforesaid, and all and singular the premises before by these presents giuen and granted, or mentioned to be giuen and granted vnto the said sir Edward Hobbie knight as is aforesaid, to the same Edward Hobbie knight, his Executors, Administrators, Deputies and Assignes, from the day of the date hereof, vntill the full ende and terme of fiftene yeeres from thence next ensuing, and fully to bee complete and ended. Perceiving and paying therefor yeerely, &c.

And further in consideration of the yeerely rent before in and by these presents reserved and payable to vs, our heires and successours as is aforesaid, and to the intent that he the said sir Edward Hobby knight, his Executors, Administrators and Assignes, may be the better able to pay to vs, our heires and successours, the said Rent or summe by these presents reserved or mentioned to be paid, we doe by these presents for vs, our heires and successours, promise and grant to and with the said Edward Hobby knight, his Executors, Administrators and Assignes, that we, our heires or successours, or any of vs, shall not, or will not make or grant any further or other Licence, grant or Letters patents after the date of these presents, during the continuance of this our Grant or Licence, to any other person or persons whatsoever, for, or concerning the buying of any woolls, to the intent to sell or utter the same againe by Retaile or otherwise. Wherefore we doe by these presents for vs our heires and successours, straightly charge and command all our louing Subjects, as they tender our pleasure, and vpon paine of our displeasure, that they permit and suffer the said Edward Hobby knight, his Executors, Administrators, Factors and Deputies, and euery of them to vse, exercise and execute the said Licences, powers and priuileges, in these presents mentioned, and to take the said benefit thereof to his and their proper vse, according to the tenour and effect of these presents, without let, disturbance or interruption of them or any of them. Willing and requiring all Justices of Peace, Maiors, and other our ministers and Officers where any person shall be found disturbing or resisting the execution of the Licence, liberties, powers or priuileges mentioned in these our Letters Patents, or any of them, to cause the same disturbers and resisters from time to time to be attached as contemners of our Regall power and authoritie, and to bee imprisoned vntill they shall become bound with sufficient Sureties to obey these our Letters Patents, and not to disturbe, interrupt or resist the execution of them.

And further we doe for vs, our heires and successours straightly charge, command and prohibite all and euery our louing Subjects, that none of them doe sue, implead or vete in any Court of Record whatsoever the said sir Edward Hobby knight, his Executors, Administrators, Assignes, Factors and Deputies or any of them, for and concerning buying of woolls, to the intent to sell them againe by Retaile or otherwise, so long as the sayd woolls shall bee bought and solde and uttered, according to the true intent of this our present Licence and Grant. And if any Suite shall be brought or prosecuted in any Court of Record against the said sir Edward Hobby knight, his Executors, Administrators, Assignes, Deputies and Factors or any of them vpon any Statute or Ordinance whatsoever, made against engrossing and buying of woolls, to the intent to sell them againe by Retaile, or otherwise, then and so often we doe by these presents for vs our heires and successours, will, charge and require all and euery Justices and Judges, of vs our heires and successours, of all and euery Courts of Record of vs, our heires and successours, where any such Suite shall be brought and prosecuted, and the Barons of the Exchequer, of vs, our heires and successours, that they and euery of them shall vse and imploy the vttermost of their Authoritie, & take all courses, and doe all things which may stand with Law and Justice, for the speedy stopping, repressing and extinguishing of all clamorous and contentious Suites and troubles, which may in any wise tend to the hinderance of the execution of this our Licence and Letters Patents, or to the impeaching or derogating from our prerogative Royall in the graunting of the same. And yet neuertheless our will and pleasure is, that if it shall appeare or be alleadged, that this our present Licence is or shall be exceeded, or apparantly abused, then our said Justices, Judges and Barons shall or may proceed to the examination thereof, and punishment for such excesse, or apparant abuse, according to the Lawes and Statutes of this our Realme.

And further also we doe by these presents will and command the Tresourour, Chancellour, and Barons of the Exchequer, of vs, our heires and successours, vpon the complaint of the sayd sir Edward Hobby, his Executors Administrators and Assignes, Factors and Deputies, and euery of them at all times during the sayd Terme, to assist, protect and defend the said sir Edward Hobby, his Executors, Administrators and Assignes, Factors and Deputies, & euery of them, in all things needfull and necessary, touching the lawfull exercise and vning of this our Licence and Grant for buying of woolls as aforesaid, by all such wayes and meanes, as to their discretion shall seeme meete and agreeable to the Lawes of this our Realme.

And forasmuch as it is found very profitable for our Realme of England, that the sayd Statute made in the fift yeere of the Reigne of the late King Edward the sixth, should in other places of our Realme else where then within the Counties and places before mentioned be observed and kept, and to the end that other our louing Subjects in any places or Counties within our Realme, beside the said sir Edward Hobby should not be encouraged to breake the saide Statute in regrating and engrossing woolls, wee therefore doe by these presents for vs, our heires, straightly charge, command, prohibite all and euery our louing Subjects other then the sayd sir Edward Hobby, his Executors, Administrators, Deputies and Factors during the continuance of this our Grant, that they nor any of them during the Terme aforesaid, doe presume to buy and sell any maner of woolls by way of regrating or engrossing contrary to the said Statute, vpon paine of the forfeitures in the sayd Statute contained, and of fine and imprisonment, and incurring our high displeasure and indignation. And if any man shall be found in any place within this our Realme, offending contrary to the said Statute, and this our prohibition in regrating or engrossing of woolls, then we doe by these presents for vs, our heires and successours straightly charge and command all Justices of Peace, Maiors, Bayliffes, and all other our Officers and Ministers, to whom it shall appertaine, to attach all such persons as shall bee found so offending contrary to the sayd Statute, and this our Prohibition, and cause to be committed them, and euery of them to prison, vntill they shall become bound with sufficient Sureties for their good behauiours, and not to buy any woolls to sell againe, contrary to the said Statute, And not to be released vntill they shew full conformitie and obedience to these our Letters Patents, &c.

Witness our selfe at Westminster the one and twentieth day of August, in the fift yeere of our Reigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the one and fourtieth.

God saue the King.

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